

Peaceful Nuclear Cooperation

U.S. Support for NPT Article IV

UNITED STATES & AFGHANISTAN

Through the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the United States contributes to the work of many countries using nuclear materials and technology for peaceful purposes. In recent years, U.S. support has focused on achieving tangible and lasting benefits in fields that are vital to human development, including agriculture, human health, water resource management, and human resource development.



Since 2000, the IAEA has approved and funded \$5,593,430, including \$508,200 in 2013, under its Technical Cooperation (TC) program for projects in Afghanistan.

The United States views its support for the peaceful uses of nuclear energy as a critical part of its efforts to strengthen the IAEA and the global nuclear nonproliferation regime. About 25% of the IAEA's annual budget for peaceful nuclear assistance comes from the U.S. In 2012, the U.S. contributed almost \$22 million to the Technical Cooperation Fund and over \$6 million in additional funding for training, fellowships, and cost-free experts.

In addition to these longstanding contributions to the IAEA's peaceful uses programs, at the 2010 NPT Review Conference, the U.S. announced a \$100 million Initiative to further expand this support over the next five years. The U.S. pledged \$50 million towards the IAEA's Peaceful Uses Initiative (PUI), focusing on human health, food security, water resource management, and nuclear power infrastructure development. The U.S. has already allocated over \$27 million to specific PUI projects, and welcomes the contributions of Japan, the Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Sweden, Australia, France, Indonesia, Brazil, Italy, the UK, and Kazakhstan to this important Initiative.

1. *Power plant under construction. Credit: Kansai Electric Power Co.*
2. *Standard maintenance check. Credit: Arthus-Bertrand*
3. *2006 IAEA-Argonne international seminar on nuclear security. Credit: Argonne National Laboratory*

NUCLEAR ENERGY

An increasing number of Member States are considering nuclear power as part of their electricity generation options, and those Member States need comprehensive and credible information on nuclear power issues such as cost and benefit, energy security and environmental impact to support their decision making.

Afghanistan recently participated in a regional TC project supported by the United States that provided comprehensive information to Member States to support their decision making regarding nuclear power planning and development.

NUCLEAR SAFETY

Afghanistan also recently participated in a regional TC project supported by the United States to strengthen the remaining elements of its national regulatory framework for radiation safety to meet international safety standards as well as to establish a regional network of regulatory authorities to exchange information and share experiences.

HUMAN RESOURCES

To contribute to Member States' manpower development, the IAEA awards individual fellowships and organizes group training courses. Every year, numerous fellows and training course participants travel to the United States for training in various peaceful uses of nuclear technology and return to their home country to apply the lessons learned. In 2006, the United States hosted a training course, International Seminar on Nuclear Security for Managers and Decision Makers, in which Afghanistan participated.

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